WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America organization is playing an outstanding role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of our State; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital to our well-being that we train skilled farmers and ranchers to provide a plentiful supply of food products in years to come and to train those who will provide services to the farmer and process and distribute farm products; and,

WHEREAS, the FFA is composed of students who are studying vocational agriculture in the public schools in preparation for careers in farming, ranching and related fields and that in studying the sciens of agriculture these Future Farmers are striving to continuously improve this great industry for the welfare of all citizens; and,

WHEREAS, over 3,000 members of the South Dakota FFA Association will perform valuable service in developing leadership, encouraging cooperation, promoting good citizenship, teaching sound methods of farming, and inspiring patriotism among its members:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning February 19, 1972 as

SOUTH DAKOTA FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK

and urge all citizens of the State to take notice of the many contributions of the Future Farmers of our State, and to encourage in every way possible the further growth of this splendid organization for our farm youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 21st day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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